

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

PATENT APPLICATION

Applicant(s): Strolle

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Examiner:

Kevin Burd

Title:

METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR PERFORMING BANDEDGE

EQUALIZATION

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REPLY UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.111

This response is submitted to address the Office Action dated February 18, 2000 (Paper No. 9).

REMARKS

In view of the following discussion, the Applicant submits that none of the claims now pending in the application is obvious under the provisions of 35 U.S.C. § 103. Thus, the Applicant believes that all of these claims are now in allowable form.

I. REJECTION OF CLAIMS 1, 9-10, 12 and 15-16 UNDER 35 U.S.C. § 102

The Examiner has rejected claims 1, 9-10, 12 and 15-16 in Paragraph 4 of the Office Action as being unpatentable by the Norrell et al. patent (United States patent 5,793,821 issued August 11, 1998). The rejection is respectfully traversed.

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